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## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

### *The smallpox outbreak at Key West, Fla.*

KEY WEST, FLA., *August 8, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the status of affairs here as follows: There have been, so far as known, no fresh cases of variola occurring in the city since Saturday, July 26 (and this case was very promptly taken to camp). The last before that was on the preceding Wednesday. All houses known to be infected have been very thoroughly disinfected, and all soiled clothing and bedding soaked with strong solution of bichloride of mercury. Clean clothing removed to camp and will be there disinfected with formol as soon as possible, and stored until wanted. At the camp I report good progress. Several cases have recovered and are only held because they are children whose parents can not be discharged. \* \* \*

I hope to have all existing cases dismissed by August 20 or 25 at latest.

Very respectfully,

J. H. WHITE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

NOTE.—No new smallpox cases or deaths have been reported in Key West during the week ended August 13, 1896.

### *Report on the prevalence of smallpox, diphtheria, and scarlatina in New Orleans during July, 1896.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *August 6, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the following number of cases and deaths have occurred from smallpox, scarlet fever, and diphtheria in the city of New Orleans during the month of July, 1896: